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Application No.10/699,595 Docket No. 58584.US/1458.7

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APPELLANTS' BRIEF ON APPEAL

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Sir:

This brief is filed following the Notice of Appeal filed on December 13, 2004, and in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed May 2, 2005. It is submitted that this new brief complies with 37 CFR 41.37.

In the event this brief is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences.

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venting structure. Accordingly, the Examiner has again pieced together components from the prior art using the Appellant's disclosure as a template.

In conclusion, it is submitted that the Examiner has engaged in impermissible hindsight reconstruction of the invention, by selectively choosing portions of the references and combining the portions of the references to provide the claimed invention without motivation from the references themselves to make the specific combination.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections of Claims 1-8 be reversed and the case passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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